Executive Task and Finish Group: Cycling and Walking in West Sussex

Since the publication of the Walking and Cycling Strategy (WCS) in 2016 much progress has been made in respect of active travel in West Sussex. Over the last two years West Sussex County Council (WSCC), the District and Borough Councils and the South Downs National Park Authority have developed draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) that help to refine the priorities in the existing WCS. In addition, the funding and emergency nature of the Government's response to the COVID-19 crisis means that significant additional investment may be made into walking and cycling over the next few years. In sum the agreed priorities and activities set out in the existing WCS need reviewing.

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure has therefore agreed to put together a member Task and Finish Group (TFG) to assist in the overall review of WSCC approach to walking and cycling.

Terms of Reference:

The purpose of the TFG is to act as a critical friend for officers and advise the Cabinet Member in respect of WSCC response to the EATF and the review of the WCS. In more detail the terms of reference for the task and finish group are to:

- receive reports on progress, operation, maintenance and outcomes from the 7 cycle routes bid for under tranche 1 of the Emergency Active Travel Fund
- review the bidding process, criteria and business case for tranche 2 of the EATF
- review those schemes that are suitable for submission for tranche 2 and advise officers on an appropriate level of consultation
- make recommendations for a tranche 2 bid to Cabinet Member in line with Government bidding timelines
- receive reports and advise on the review of WSCC and D&BC priority schemes identified during the development of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs)
- advise on appropriate consultation for the forthcoming review of the Walking and Cycling Strategy
- advise officers on the output of the consultation and any amendments required to the WCS
- to consider the business case for greater investment in walking and cycling schemes
- agree a recommended update of WCS to the Cabinet Member

Members:

Sean McDonald (Chairman) Andrew Baldwin Joy Dennis Kate O'Kelly Simon Oakley Derek Whittington (Labour Group nomination awaited)